

## Question 1

1. Define what it means for  $\langle G, * \rangle$  to be a group.

**Solution:** A group  $\langle G, * \rangle$  consists of a set  $G$  together with a binary operation  $* : G \times G \rightarrow G$  that satisfies:

- (a)  $G$  contains an identity, *i.e.* there exists  $e \in G$  such that, for all  $g \in G$

$$g * e = e * g = g.$$

- (b)  $G$  contains inverses, *i.e.* for all  $g \in G$  there exists  $h \in G$  such that

$$g * h = h * g = e.$$

- (c) The operation  $*$  is associative, *i.e.* for all  $g, h, k \in G$

$$(g * h) * k = g * (h * k).$$

2. Define what it means for a map  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  to be an isomorphism of groups  $\langle S, * \rangle$  and  $\langle T, \star \rangle$ .

**Solution:** The map  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  must be a bijection and must satisfy the homomorphism property, *i.e.* for all  $g, h \in G$

$$\varphi(g * h) = \varphi(g) \star \varphi(h).$$

3. Complete the following table to make it a group

$\circ$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$
$\rho_0$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$
$\rho_1$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$
$\rho_2$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$
$\mu_1$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$
$\mu_2$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_1$
$\mu_3$	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$

4. Is  $\langle \mathbb{R}, \times \rangle$ , the real numbers with the usual multiplication, a group? Justify your answer.

**Solution:**  $\mathbb{R}$  with the usual operation of multiplication is not a group since  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$  has no inverse.

## Question 2

1. Define what it means for  $x \in S$  to be an identity element for the binary structure  $\langle S, * \rangle$ .

**Solution:** An element  $x \in S$  is an identity element for  $\langle S, * \rangle$  if for all  $s \in S$ ,

$$s * x = x * s = s.$$

2. Prove that an identity element of a binary structure, if it exists, is unique.

**Solution:** Let  $\langle S, * \rangle$  be a binary structure. Suppose that  $e_1, e_2 \in S$  are identity elements. Then

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= e_1 * e_2 && \text{since } e_2 \text{ is an identity} \\ &= e_2 && \text{since } e_1 \text{ is an identity} \end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose  $e \in S$  is an identity element for  $\langle S, * \rangle$ . Suppose  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  is an isomorphism of binary structures  $\langle S, * \rangle$  and  $\langle T, \star \rangle$ . Show that  $\langle T, \star \rangle$  has an identity element.

**Solution:** Let  $t \in T$  be arbitrary. Define  $e_S$  be the (unique) identity element in  $S$ . Define  $e_T = \varphi(e_S)$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a bijection there exists  $s \in S$  such that  $\varphi(s) = t$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} t \star e_T &= \varphi(s) \star \varphi(e_S) && \text{definition} \\ &= \varphi(s * e_S) && \text{homomorphism property} \\ &= \varphi(s) && e_S \text{ is the identity} \\ &= t && \text{definition.} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} e_T \star t &= \varphi(e_S) \star \varphi(s) && \text{definition} \\ &= \varphi(e_S * s) && \text{homomorphism property} \\ &= \varphi(s) && e_S \text{ is the identity} \\ &= t && \text{definition.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$e_T \star t = t \star e_T = t.$$

Since  $t \in T$  was arbitrary this hold for all  $t \in T$  and we have  $e_T$  is an identity element in  $T$ .

## Question 3

1. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ . Suppose  $\varphi(2) = 5$ . Can  $\varphi$  be an automorphism of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{10}, +_{10} \rangle$ ? Justify your answer.

**Solution:** No. Several possible arguments.

An isomorphism preserves the order of an element thus no isomorphism can take 2, which is order 5, to 5, which is order 2.

Assume  $\varphi$  has the homomorphism property. Then

$$\varphi(4) = \varphi(2 +_{10} 2) = \varphi(2) +_{10} \varphi(2) = 5 +_{10} 5 = 0$$

but  $\varphi(0) = 0$  thus  $\varphi$  is not a bijection.

Assume  $\varphi$  has the homomorphism property. Then  $\varphi(2) = \varphi(1) +_{10} \varphi(1)$  which must be even. This contradicts  $\varphi(2) = 5$ .

2. Determine the number of automorphisms of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{10}, +_{10} \rangle$ .

**Solution:** We know that an automorphism preserves the order of an element and hence takes generators to generators. There are 4 generators for  $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{10}, +_{10} \rangle$ ; 1, 3, 7, and 9. Thus there are 4 possible automorphisms generated by  $\varphi(1) = 1$ ,  $\varphi(1) = 3$ ,  $\varphi(1) = 7$ , and  $\varphi(1) = 9$  respectively.

3. Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_{10} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  be an automorphism of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{10}, +_{10} \rangle$  with  $\varphi(7) = 1$ . Find  $\varphi(1)$ . Justify your answer.

**Solution:** Either check the four above or directly compute

$$\varphi(1) = \varphi(7 +_{10} 7 +_{10} 7) = \varphi(7) +_{10} \varphi(7) +_{10} \varphi(7) = 1 +_{10} 1 +_{10} 1 = 3.$$

Thus  $\varphi(1) = 3$ .

4. Determine the number of automorphisms of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$ .

**Solution:** There are only two generators for  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$ ; 1 and -1. Thus there are two automorphisms, generated by  $\varphi(1) = 1$  and  $\varphi(1) = -1$ . The first is the identity,  $\varphi(x) = x$ , and the second is  $\varphi(x) = -x$ .

## Question 4

1. Define the order of an element  $x \in G$  of a group  $\langle G, * \rangle$ .

**Solution:** The order of an element  $x$  can be described in two equivalent ways:

- (a) the smallest number positive integer  $n$  such that  $x^n = e$ .  
 (b) the cardinality of the cyclic group generated by  $x$ .
2. Determine the order of the element  $525 \in \mathbb{Z}_{3465}$ . Hint:  $3465 = 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11$  and  $525 = 3 \times 5^2 \times 7$ .

**Solution:** We have  $\gcd(525, 3465) = 3 \times 5 \times 7 = 105$ . Thus  $\langle 525 \rangle = \langle 105 \rangle$  and the order of this group is

$$\frac{3465}{105} = 3 \times 11 = 33.$$

3. Find all the subgroups of  $Z_{84}$  and draw the subgroup diagram. Hint:  $84 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 7$

**Solution:**

